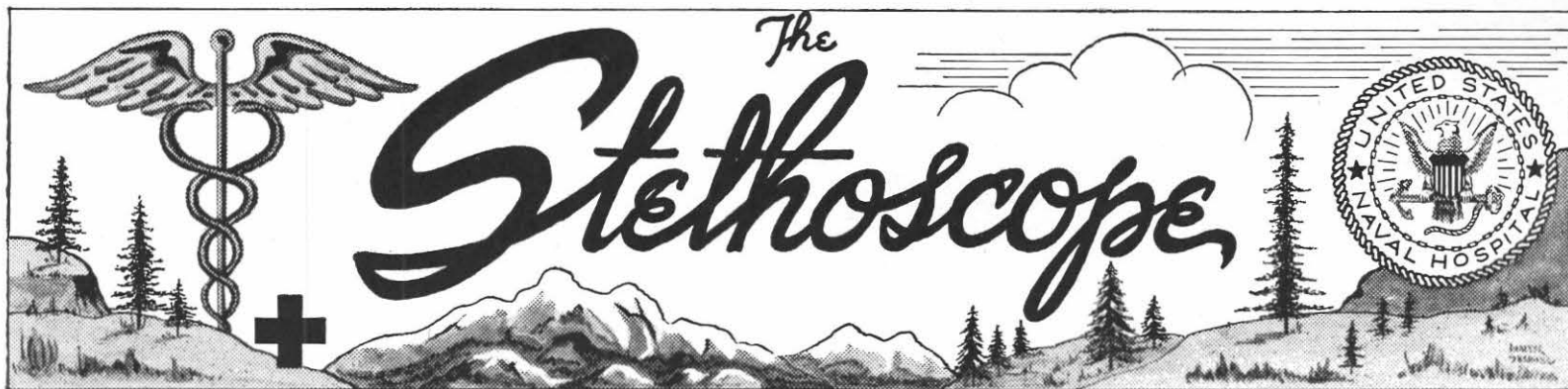




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GAY NINETY GROUP WINS SING TITLE

Navy Unites For July 4th War Bond Drive

Uniformed and civilian personnel of the Navy will unite in a cash War Bond campaign from 1 to 8 July to commemorate Independence Day.

From the coral atolls of the Pacific to the invasion waters of Europe each member of the Navy family will be given an opportunity to purchase bonds for cash.

No goal has been set—but it is hoped and expected that each man and woman will buy a \$100 bond.

The Navy holds two cash campaigns annually—on Independence Day and Pearl Harbor Day to supplement the allotment and payroll deduction programs which are the backbone of the Navy bond program.

It is confidently expected that the 4 July results will far surpass those of last Pearl Harbor Day when cash sales amounting to \$23,079,770 were made to Navy personnel.

The campaign will fall in the final days of the Fifth War Loan Drive of the Treasury Department, so purchasers will not only have their bonds credited to the Navy program, but to the Fifth War Loan Drive as well.

In a directive announcing the campaign, Navy Secretary James V. Forrestal said in part:

"The gratifying results obtained by the Navy in selling more than \$23,000,000 of War Bonds on Pearl Harbor Day, 1943, was a contributing factor in the Treasury Department's decision to conduct its Fifth War Loan Campaign from 12 June to 8 July, thus giving the Navy program the benefit of the nationwide publicity sponsored by the Treasury. This will mark the first time that a Navy Extra Cash Bond drive has fallen within the period of a Treasury War Loan Campaign, and it will aid the Navy effort materially. All Navy cash bond sales made 1 July to 8 July, inclusive, will also be credited to the Fifth War Loan total.

"Sales quotas will not be assigned. However, it is recommended that

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Singing lustily are The Crystal Four who won first prize and the title of King of the Barber Shop Quartets at the U. S. Naval Hospital

Nurses Buy \$2000 In Bonds on D-Day

D-day became the stimulus for a Bond drive among the Nurses at this hospital when Miss Netter, Chief Nurse, organized a spontaneous campaign that netted \$2000 in Bond sales.

The sales which will be credited on our 4th of July campaign demonstrated the enthusiasm of the nursing staff toward a future security and speedy victory.

Their record in one day set a precedent to be followed by the entire hospital in the forthcoming Navy War Bond Campaign which will run from 1 through 8 in July.

Veterans Administration

Mr. Meyer, Contact Representative of the Veterans' Administration is now on duty at this hospital every day except Wednesday and Sunday. Anyone wishing information relative to the Veterans' Administration and its activities may see Mr. Meyer in the library between 100 and 1400.

Fire Chief Celebrates Second Front

Invasion of the French coast better known as "D-Day," kept civilian Fire Chief J. W. Stover in smiles last week, for the leader of that drive is none other than Dwight Eisenhower, his first cousin.

Though he cannot contact General Eisenhower at present and ask "What's buzzin' cuzzin," Smokey Stover hopes to soon attend a reunion with his popular relative when the final victory is completed.

FATHER'S DAY JUNE 18

Come 18 June and fathers in the Naval Hospital will recall the long hours spent pacing corridors while waiting for the doctor's "all clear" signal and the nurse's word, "it's a boy."

Even if he's hundreds of miles from home on Father's Day, the fond parent may expand his chest a little more and pleasantly reflect on the day he passed out cigars.

He may exchange "sea stories" with the patient in the next sack, about the times he minded the infant while his wife went shopping. He may gripe about the time he

Audience Applauds The Crystal Ballroom Four To Victory

The Crystal Four became Barber Shop Kings of the Compound last Friday evening in an elimination contest staged and sponsored by "The Stethoscope."

Without accompaniment, the group, better known as Lichty, Slings, Higginbotham and Eaton rendered a medley that received the winning volume of applause from the audience.

The winners, who were also part of the brass band that played throughout the contest, each received an individual gift bond for \$2.50 in trade at the Ship's Service Store.

Runnersup in the "Sing" were The Surgery Slickers, who in true barber harmony ran too close a second for comfort. Their group incorporated the melodic voices of Andriese, Nordquist, Messenger and Aws.

Other quartets were the Marine Marauders made up of patients Sierra, Thorney, Ward and Timmers . . . and the Syncopated Six (minus two) who were Nelson, Nockengost, Grover and Falco.

The entire contest was highlighted by the Gay Ninety Band which played a ditty of their own composition entitled "You Don't Have to Go to Europe to be A Broad . . . or . . . All Bad Girls Go to Sand Point." F. A. Olson, Editor of The Stethoscope, conducted festivities.

Under the direction of CPhM Shawlee, a realistic barber shop setting contributed a touch of humor to the entire proceedings.

was fouled up when he had to fix the baby's bottle at 0400—or he may pull similar other recollections humorously from his scrapbook of memories.

Many will be celebrating Father's Day for the first time, such as C. A. Raines, of Ward 20, whose son is only a few weeks old. Others are, perhaps, in the same boat as Howard P. Caruso. Marine Pfc. Caruso was in the South Pacific when his little girl was born, and he's anxious to go home to meet his offspring.

The Stethoscope

Published in the interest of all Naval Personnel attached or hospitalized at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Seattle.

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GIVE 'EM BOTH BARRELS!

4th July is the day! The Day which the Navy has selected to tell Hitler and Hirohito that there will be future Independence Days for the U.S.A.—and all the Freedom deserving people of the world.

This time we'll tell them by signing our own Financial Declaration of Independence by buying extra War Bonds.

The Navy campaign runs from 1 through 8 July. The Treasury's Fifth War Loan Campaign runs from 12 June to 8 July. Navy, Marine and Coast Guard personnel who purchase their cash bonds through Navy sources between 1 July and 8 July will have their purchases credited both to the Navy record and to the Fifth War Loan Campaign. That's where the double barrel comes in!

So build up to that 1 to 8 of July period—and thereby "give 'em both barrels!"

FROM YOUR SKIPPER

The ground-breaking ceremonies for the new chapel at two o'clock on 28 May have left a profound impression on those who attended and on the hospital in general. At the beginning of the ceremonies the overcast skies cleared and the sun cast beautiful rays through the tall evergreens as though the Lord were shedding his blessing on this memorable occasion. The Commanding Officer is very grateful to those who participated, and to all who attended the ceremonies. It was very pleasing to have heard many expressions from our visitors as to the appropriateness and the beauty of the location of the chapel. A very high ranking officer of long years of service who was a guest expressed a feeling that it was a "most inspiring experience of his career." Another guest in walking away from the scene said, "It is so fitting."

It warms our hearts to feel that our associates and friends felt a deep expression and comfort from having participated on this historic instance of the hospital's life. The musical concert in the auditorium following the ground-breaking ceremonies was of a high order of excellence. The organ and vocal selections further raised the hearts of all hands who listened. The auditorium was arranged as a large living room where the hands of guests could relax and quietly enjoy the music of the Hammond organ played by Martin, and the singing by Groher and Rogers. The Commanding Officer has wished that the building of a chapel would be the highlight of his administration and he feels confident that his desire will be realized by his auspicious beginning as expressed in the ground-breaking ceremonies for the chapel.

J. T. BOONE, Capt. (MC) USN,
Medical Officer in Command.

Navy Bond Drive

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each command set as its own goal the purchase of at least one extra \$100 bond (\$75 purchase price) for each member of the activity.

"When the final results of the Navy's Independence Day Extra War Bond Sale are announced, I am confident that another brilliant record will be added to the history of accomplishment by Navy personnel."

War Medicine Books Featured in Library

Widespread interest is being shown in the library's new collection of books about the medical profession. Some 40 new works on medicine, nursing, disease and the healing arts in wartime were added this month to the library shelves.

Readers sought such titles as "Mercy in Hell," Geer's account of an American ambulance driver with the Eighth army; "Doctors Await," Oman's story of the U. S. Navy Medical Corps; and "Burma Surgeon," by Dr. Seagrave who joined the retreat with Stilwell. "Private Duty," by Baldwin, a light love story, tells of nurses in fiction; Redmond's "I Served on Bataan" is one of the new books describing nurses in fact.

NURSES NOTES

We have a few more nurses to welcome aboard. They are Lt. (jg) Carrie Ellerbusch, Ens. Eva Bolyea, who have seen duty in Sitka. Ens. Harriet J. Shaw is an anesthetist and is from U. S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island. Lt. (jg) Catherine Wuenschell came from the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, and Ens. Bonnie O. Wesley from Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Ens. B. Watson, Ens. E. Houlihan and Ens. M. Sturbich are ordered to Camp Parks, California, while Ensigns L. German and D. Reid are headed for Adak.

The practice tennis is doing fairly well, and we're hoping to start the tournament around the end of June.

Nobody Steals Money— But Watch Your Socks!

Solomon Islands (CNE) — "Nobody steals any money out here," said Lt. A. F. Rinehart, of Yakima, Wash., a paymaster who regularly packs a quarter of a million dollars through the jungles of the Solomons, "but, boy, you gotta watch your laundry!"

Lt. Rinehart recently made his rounds of the Solomons with two duffelbags, one containing \$365,000 in cash, the other containing cigars, cigarettes and candy. "Before I finished my swing, practically every box and carton of cigars, cigarettes and candy had been pilfered," he said. "I didn't lose a dime from the other bag."

Chaplain's Corner

DIVINE SERVICES

Recreation Hall

CATHOLIC

Chaplain.....Oliver P. Zinnen
Sunday Mass.....0630, 0730 and 0930
Week-day Mass.....0620, (unless otherwise announced)
Confessions: Before every Mass in the Recreation Hall. Saturdays: 1530 to 1700, and after the first movie, in the Chaplain's Office. When there is no movie, 1800 to 1930.

PROTESTANT

Chaplain.....G. W. J. Hartzel
Holy Communion.....0830
Morning Prayer and Sermon.....1030
Choir Rehearsal.....Wednesdays 1700

D-Day Prayers

At 1245 on 6 June while the Allies were still pouring men and supplies into the coast of France, nearly 500 people of this Hospital, Civilians, Staff and Patients assembled in the Recreation Hall for prayers to ask God's blessing on our fighting men and upon our cause.

It is significant that in life's most important moments the hearts and minds of men turn quickly and easily to Almighty God for guidance, strength, and comfort. It is more important, however, that we seek divine guidance in all of life's patterns, our joys as well as our sorrows; in happiness, as well as in despair. The sustaining strength that the power of prayer gives to each of us in our daily task is the wonderful gift that God offers to those of us who seek it. "Whatever ye seek in My name, ye shall receive." Pray earnestly and constantly that victory for our cause may be brought out of danger and that all nations may soon be restored to the kindly blessings of peace.



Q. Will the Navy issue me a receipt for such Bonds in safekeeping?

A. No. But you may get any information you want concerning these Bonds by simply writing to the Field Branch, identifying yourself, by giving your full name, rank or rating, file or service number, ship or station, and requesting the information.

Q. How can I withdraw Bonds held in safekeeping by the Navy?

A. Upon a simple written request to the Field Branch in which you identify yourself, and inform the Navy of the name and address to which you want the Bonds forwarded.

Q. Name the most successful and historic frigate that ever sailed the seas.

A. Old Ironsides.

Q. What is a dolphin?

A. Piles in a waterway to which ships may be moored.

On a hillside.....

overlooking our hospital, but hidden from it by tall pines and firs, Captain Joel T. Boone, Commanding Officer, broke ground for a chapel where Navy men recuperating from wounds and illness may worship.

The impressive ceremony was historical, since the chapel will be the first at any naval hospital in the United States.

Opening Prayer

By CHAPLAIN FORSANDER

God, our heavenly Father, bless we pray Thee, this occasion and effort to bring Thee just a little closer to us in our walk through life with Thee.

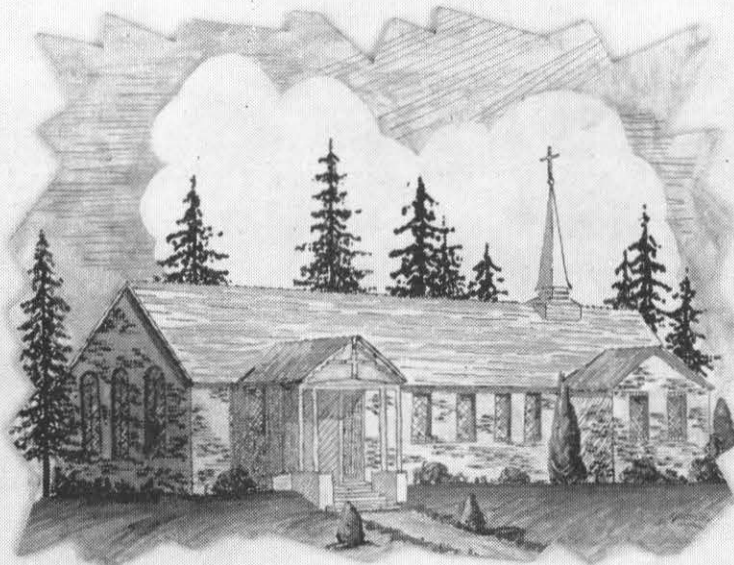
May this house of worship that shall rise here be an inspiration and may the souls who shall seek communion with Thee, whatever the cause might be, find Thee and be blessed.

As this building develops, we pray that Thou build with us and give us an unflinching confidence in life and our future.

We dedicate this ground to Thee where this temple of Worship shall stand and may it serve mankind in the worship of Almighty God.

May all who approach this spot feel that it is hallowed ground and a sacred place. A place where we can be brought a little closer to Thee our Father.

As this great activity of our service ministers to the healing of body and mind, may this house serve to the healing and peace of our souls. This we ask in our Savior's name, Jesus Christ. AMEN.



Captain Brady's Message

The breaking of the ground is similar to the laying of the keel in a ship. However, this particular edifice signifies much more than a new vessel. It signifies a new spirit.

It is fitting that this Chapel be constructed at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, Washington relatively close to the enemy.

I have known of only one other Chapel at a Naval Hospital. That Chapel is now in the hands of the enemy in the Philippine Islands, at U. S. Naval Hospital, Canacao.

The crying need of the world today is a return to Religion and to God. Much has been said and done about the physical care of man, but perhaps more important than all else is the spiritual welfare of man.

A victory is useless unless the spirit of man is elevated.

The saving of a life is useless if the mind and spirit is left distorted.

We are going on to victory, we are going to save lives, but we also, are going to do our best to allow the spirit and teaching of God to be brought into its true place in the lives of men and our nation.

This ceremony is a realization of a dream long fostered by Captain J. T. Boone, Commanding Officer of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Seattle.

It is due to his untiring efforts that we all can realize that which we have long cherished in thought.

A beautiful Chapel, snug in a wooded dell, a rest and haven of peace for the war weary and troubled of heart.

May this Chapel long be a credit to his efforts and a solace to all who need peace and comfort of heart and soul.

J. P. Brady
Captain (MC) USN
Executive Officer.

Address Given By
CAPTAIN JOEL T. BOONE

(MC) U. S. NAVY

at Ground Breaking Ceremony
 for Hospital Chapel on 28 May 1944

To this hospital comes the war-weary and those shattered in mind and body from the stress and strain of battle or from other causes occasioned by war. It is a haven to restore, to respite and to rehabilitate. Set apart on this hospital reservation in a wooded area, we have found a natural cathedral-like setting made by God for the erection of a religious edifice where men and women of whatever denomination can come to worship as he or she wills. Whether the individual finds his soul expression in the quietude of silence as practiced by the Quaker; in the elaborate ritual of the Catholic Church, or in the symbolism of the Jew, he or she is provided with the material provision to worship the Higher Power which each recognizes as the force which guides and directs their lives to better living.

When I came to this great north west country to assume Command of the Seattle Naval Hospital a little over a year ago and looked upon the exterior of the unattractiveness of the then hospital reservation, I determined forthwith to give my best efforts to help nature make this a beautiful place where men and women would come to be restored to health or eased in their passing to the Great Hereafter. Almost immediately I realized that this hospital must have a separate structure for religious worship. In my thirty years in the Navy, I have never seen an especially erected edifice for the use of a chapel on a hospital reservation. Always religious services have been held in an improvised space or otherwise used building. I determined to use my utmost effort to bring about the building of a chapel at this hospital. Well did I know that without a religious background here to our ministrations of healing, any idealism we had in the accomplishment of our aims would be fruitless, and it has been well said: "Ideals are like the stars—we never reach them, but like the Mariners on the sea, we chart our course by them."

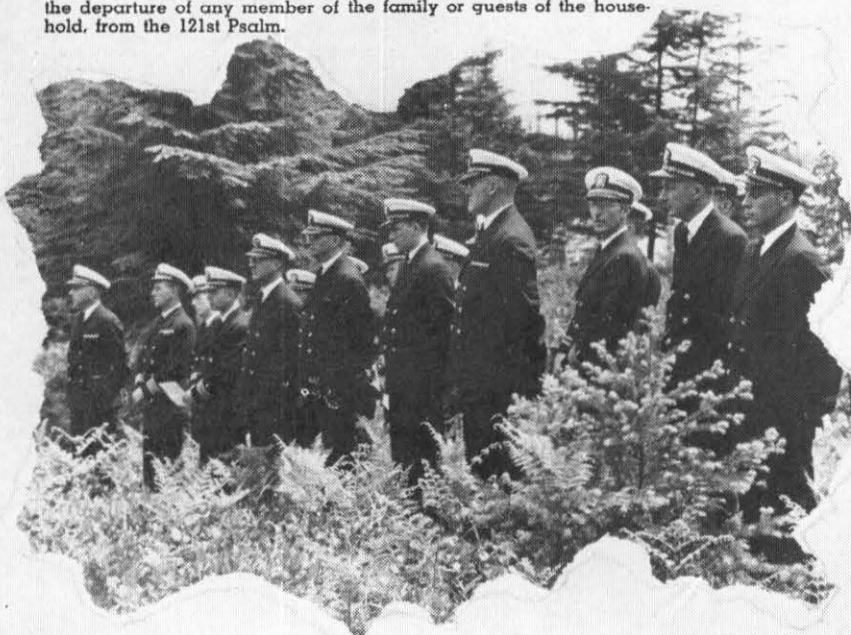
It was not long after my arrival that I selected this very location as the suitable place to build a chapel. It is on high ground, surrounded by beautiful trees and detached from other hospital buildings. As one stands here, he is almost oblivious of the presence of a hospital. He has in a sense detached himself from hospital atmosphere. He hears nothing but the soft music made by the swaying branches of spruce, hemlock, pine and fir. He is detached in his thinking quickly as to man's inhumanity to man, and he cannot help but be inspired only by the presence of that Great Power which has created the universe.

Not only will this building be erected on high ground, and we might say, on a hill; but we can look out on other hills and to the great and beautiful mountains of northwest America. One can well be reminded of the 121st Psalm:

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord who made Heaven and earth."

That is the Psalm of Ascension, or to some, it is known as the Traveler's Psalm. It is a favorite of mine, for I was born in mountainous country. By a strange coincidence it was used on three separate and distinct occasions in 1933 when an unusual episode in my life was terminated and a new venture lay before me.

After a long tour of duty, comprising 14 years in Washington, I set forth with my face to the west for duties aboard ship with the United States Fleet in the Pacific. Mrs. Boone and I had been invited to spend the last night in Washington with the Minister of the Church of the Covenant. He came from a long line of Scotch ministers and he said at breakfast, the morning of our departure, that it had been the custom of his Scotch family to always read, prior to the departure of any member of the family or guests of the household, from the 121st Psalm.



In these days of tumult and anxiety and when the world's thoughts unfortunately are directed to the destruction of man how relaxing it should be to those of us gathered here in the quietude of this secluded dell. We can for the moment detach ourselves from a world of hatred and purposeful killing of our fellowman.

A few days later, I spent my first Sunday of travel at Mercersburg Academy, which was my boyhood preparatory school and which school is located in a magnificent farming section of southern Pennsylvania. The lovely campus is in the foothills of the Tuscarora Mountains, which are the first slopes of the Blue Ridge of the Allegheny Mountains. The text that particular Sunday for the minister's sermon was "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills," so again I heard from the 121st Psalm.

Upon the arrival of Mrs. Boone and I in California, we were the houseguests of former President and Mrs. Hoover in Palo Alto. The day after our arrival was Sunday; Mrs. Hoover invited us to attend church with her in the Stanford University Chapel. A distinguished Chinese minister preached the sermon. His text was, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help." And so, my friends, I hope you will think on this occasion and be inspired by the thought, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord who made Heaven and earth."

We are living through dark days. There is some rift in the sky of darkness, but we must be prepared for even darker days before the skies will clear and the world will once again enjoy the warmth of universal light and sunshine. In entering the worst period of the war for us, which certainly by all indications would seem to be in the future, we can only with faith be mindful of this beautiful quotation:

"I said to a man who stood at the gate of the year, 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown,' and he replied, 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light or safer than a known way'."

Even though raised in a religious home atmosphere the inspiration to build a chapel has been mine because of the influence on my life by the Headmaster of my preparatory school. That Headmaster was Doctor William Mann Irvine, born humbly on a farm; whose education was acquired through his own efforts as a working boy at Exeter Academy and Princeton University to become one of the greatest educators in this country. He was an All-American football player. He was a minister of the Gospel. He is the only man upon whom Princeton University has ever conferred posthumously the degree of Doctor of Laws. Always on my desk before me is a bronze plaque of William Mann Irvine. Beside his facsimile on the plaque are four words: DREAMER — SCHOLAR — WORKER — BUILDER. He felt when he built a chapel, even though he had built an entire school and carved a rare career, that he had performed his greatest service and the one giving him the most soul satisfaction.

I am told that the two most beautiful chapels in America are to be found in Princeton University and Mercersburg Academy. I wish to give to you today as we here are building a chapel, an inspiring thought which Doctor Irvine left with his hearers at the cornerstone laying of the Mercersburg Chapel when he quoted a verse especially written for that occasion by the great preacher, scholar and author, Henry Van Dyke:

"O God, control us as Thou wilt.
 And guide the labour of our hand;
 Let all our work be surely built
 As Thou, the Architect, hast planned;
 But whatso'er Thy power shall make
 Of these frail lives, do not forsake
 Thy dwelling; let Thy presence rest
 Forever in the temple of our breast."

PORTRAITS PAINTED BY WARD 9 PATIENT

Finished work that compares with Rembrandt, is the portrait painting hobby of Corporal Irby Hosea, a patient in Ward 9.

Hosea, a former traveling salesman from the deep Southwest and Houston, Texas area, served with the Marines at the age of 19 during the Haitian campaign of 1920. He is now 42 years of age in spite of a youthful appearance that leads people to mistake him for 26.

Most of Hosea's paintings have been completed in oil although his work here has been accomplished through the medium of "Tempera" water colors from photographs of staff and fellow patients. Captain J. T. Boone's portrait was completed in five days and is considered by the Commanding Officer himself, as his finest painted likeness.

Corporal Hosea with only three lessons in his life, began pursuing his hobby of painting at the age of 10, and at 14 his portraits of people were keeping him in school by selling to clients for \$25 and \$50 apiece.



Pictured is Irby Hosea with his painting of Captain J. T. Boone that was completed in five days with "Tempera" water colors.

Athletic Facilities For All Hands

In order to render some recreation in the form of games throughout the day, the below listed schedule has been approved. Consideration has been given to all male personnel. At present, equipment is available to play softball, volleyball, tennis, badminton, shuffleboard, medicine ball, rope skipping, Basketball, archery, and boxing facilities will follow in the near future. To meet the needs of the different personnel, it will be necessary that the schedule be followed closely. Come to the designated place at your particular hour.

Said Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, at Pearl Harbor in a Speech on Physical Fitness

"Your all-out participation in body-building sports will set an example for newcomers to the Army and Navy, and to those who have yet to join our forces. Your participation will help to insure that our great Fleet will maintain its fighting edge, and that we will retain our high morale. If the millions of young men in the armed forces take full advantage of their opportunities for physical conditioning, we can build a generation of strong and alert men better able to defend their freedom than any generation that has gone before. There are some who say that the present generation is soft and mollicoddled. I don't believe that. I doubt if the Japanese believe it. There were men rejected for physical reasons in the last war, just as some have been rejected in this one. If the percentage of rejections is higher now it is because a lot of new diseases and disabilities have been invented since the last war. I believe the present crop of young men has just as much muscle and maybe a little more brains than their predecessors in the days of iron ships and iron men."

MALE PHYSICAL FITNESS SCHEDULE

Patients from Physical Therapy (Disabling defects)

0900-1100 Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday. Report to Corpsmen tennis courts.

Psychiatric Wards (Locked)

0900-1000 (Ward-36) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Report to court alongside of ward.

1000-1100 (Ward-37) Same as Ward-36.

Patients Without Disabling Physical Defects

1000-1100 Monday through Thursday and Saturday. Report to Corpsmen tennis courts. (Patients NOT on outside detail).

Psychiatric Wards

1330-1430 Monday through Thursday. Report to Corpsmen tennis courts. (Patients NOT on outside detail).

Officers (S.O.Q.)

1430-1600 Wednesday and Thursday. Report to Corpsmen tennis courts.

Corpsmen—Starboard and Port Watches

1400-1430 Tuesday and Wednesday. Drill. Muster in front of barracks.

1415-1515 Monday and Friday. Report to Corpsmen tennis courts after muster has been taken.

1430-1515 Tuesday. Report to Corpsmen tennis courts.

2000-2100 Tuesdays. Swimming class open to swimmers and non-swimmers, Naval Air Station, Sand Point. Bus leaves Recreational Building at 1930. Sign up with Physical Fitness Officer before 1200 each Tuesday.

STAFF CORPSMAN WEDS

Vancouver, Washington was the scene of a recent marriage of James Bramblet, HA1c. X-ray department, to Vivian Eacker of Vancouver. The couple now reside at 9632 Aurora Ave.

A meteorologist is a guy who can look at a girl and tell whether.

WAVE LINES

A G. I. sun tan is the latest accessory to Navy blue uniforms for some Waves of the Naval Hospital. Since Captain Boone approved the Waves' using the south side of their barracks as a sunning deck, many girls are spending their liberty hours basking in Old Sol's rays. Some girls turned a nice brown—and others got a good peel.

The term "swabbies" also may be applied to Wave Officers Miss Wilson and Miss Bigelow. They were seen swabbing the laundry deck on a Sunday afternoon.

The Dutch who park their wooden shoes outside their front door when entering the house, have nothing on the HA's of D barracks. The Waves, too, are taking off their shoes, when entering their compartments after decks are cleaned on field day. They took action because so many of the girls did extra details after the clean decks were fouled up before Captain's Inspection. Clever?

Soon all the Waves who spend their days in offices here will be blooming out in the Waves' new gray work uniforms. Those who saw the new gear modeled by Ensign Chandler and Judy Allworth, PhM3c, say they're strictly "4-0."



Hard work by Physical Fitness Officer, Lt. (jg) N. Andrews, and his staff, has started the ball rolling toward a "new deal" for athletics on this hospital's compound.

First in the way of facilities is the new athletic field that has been leveled and raked opposite the Hospital Corps Quarters. This field is being used for scrub softball games at present and bids fare to entice some of the "brothers" into a little action on Sundays . . . Sabbath activity was formerly confined to horizontal exercise in Sackland.

As the field becomes further developed, it will present courts for horseshoe pitching, basketball and shuffleboard. A new backstop and bleacher seats are under construction by the Public Works department which has developed the field under the direction of Lieut. Comdr. Nelson and CM2c W. Barber.

Under the direction of the Physical Fitness Officer, a sport talented staff of ChPM A. LeMasters, PhM2c A. Brantman and HA1c F. Hogan. A conditioning program is being carried out that incorporates

calisthenics, volleyball, tennis, shuffleboard, softball, badminton, swimming, horseshoes and basketball.

The softball team mourns the loss of pitcher Al "Biff" Grabowski, U.S.M.C., who received his orders for duty overseas. The entire team and fans wish him the best of luck. It was Grabowski who started the softball season with a performance that blanketed the favored Anti-Aircraft Deadeyes 6-0. During this game he fanned eleven men and gave up only one hit. To further contribute, he won his own game by smacking out a three bagger that drove in two runs.

If there are any men on the compound who pride themselves as good swimmers . . . men who have swam for their high school or college teams . . . or, who are just plain fast, please contact Lt. (jg) Andrews or yours truly in the Recreation office.

A swimming team is now being organized to represent this hospital in competitive swimming against other military and Naval teams.



"Shades of Harrison" are again in evidence at the MAA shack with the sudden departure of Chief S. B. Hannah who was respected and admired by all who knew him.

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Love is an old subject but a new issue at the hospital that may draw restriction in the very near future. So to quote an Executive authority on "Amour" . . . "Let's do our loving off the compound and get back to work . . . there's a war going on."

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Bit from Back in Boston—

"My boy, Nolan, is a panhandler."
"Really?"

"Yes, he's a hospital corpsman."

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A "GI" Nurse was completely taken in by the proverbial chaplain hoax in Ward 33 recently. As he feigned sorrow . . . she labored over an improvised chit that would entitle the bereaved Marine to complete coddling by the Chaplain's office.

From our Storekeepers comes word that Adam and Eve were the first systematic storekeepers. They introduced the loose-leaf system.

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Humorist (passing through Ward 45 last week): "Good moaning, boys, good moaning."

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Chiefie Hood: "Halt! Who goes there?"

Sinnin' Sam: "Hic . . . a friend . . . with a bottle."

Chiefie Hood: "Advance bottle to be recognized; pass, friend."

* * *

"My dad is an Elk, a Lion, a Moose, and a Quiet Birdman."

"What does it cost to see him?"

* * *

FAMOUS LAST WORDS:

"But my girl friend doesn't like my hair cut short!"

Sincerely,

Gerald H. Mathis, PhM3c
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from the MAILBAG

Dear Editor:

This beats anything yet. I'm now with the U.S.S. Yorktown. Even better than my old job at the Seattle Naval Hospital as Movie Projection operator.

You will observe that even Bu-Med can change their precious plans as I was originally scheduled for the Marines. This last assignment was the greatest thing ever done for me!

Love to all including the Rec' office.

Some Wacs Have Arms Of Uneven Lengths

England (CNS)—Many Wacs in Britain have arms of odd lengths, according to an extraordinary discovery made by Capt. Vera von Stein, of Los Angeles, who is CO of Wacs at the headquarters of the Ninth AAF Bomber Command.

"It seems that many Wacs' right arms are longer than their lefts," Capt. von Stein reports. "Maybe it's because they salute so much."

"I Wash 851 Trays 3 Times a Day"

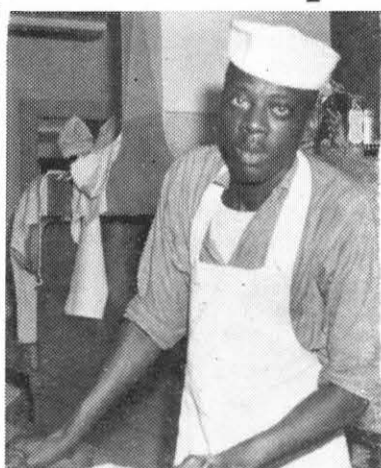
Says Jesse Robinson
Popular StM 2/c
At Interview

First man on the job daily by washing 851 trays, knives, forks and spoons is Jesse Robinson, StM2c who operates the streamline sterilizer that handles dishes for all Hospital Corpsmen and Waves.

His function in the galley has put him in a helpful position where he is continually doing favors for his shipmates . . . that of cleaning up after them.

Jesse, originally from Alabama, has traveled in practically every state in the Union before joining the Navy. His ambitions are to assist in the current fracas with his present occupation and then partake actively in the celebrated "Victory Cruise."

Athletics predominate in Jesse's life with an unusual flair for the sport of "gallopin' dominoes." In



Jesse Robinson

music his tastes run to "moanin' low" and he can be heard daily rendering this style of blues. He usually accompanies himself with a back bay shuffle developed in the "30's" with a Road Show unit.

Waves Quarters Strictly Colonial



Now housing more than 200 Waves of the Hospital Corps, is the modern Colonial type building pictured above.

Happy Birthday to YOU

(14 June to 27 June Inclusive)
6-14—R. M. Finucane, HA1c.
6-15—M. D. Athon, PhM3c.
6-17—Eugene Casteel, PhM3c.
6-18—Dorothy Dodge, PhM3c, Wave.
6-18—R. J. Garner, HA1c.
6-19—E. T. Sickelsteel, HA1c.
6-20—J. R. Kiefel, HA1c.
6-20—Anthony Rubino, PhM3c.
6-21—R. M. Anderson, HA1c.
6-21—Evelyn Bender, PhM3c, Wave.
6-22—James Irvine, PhM3c.
6-23—John Brill, PhM3c.
6-23—Helen Gilbert, PhM2c, Wave.
6-23—Barbara Melichar, PhM2c, Wave.
6-24—Betty Cypher, PhM3c, Wave.
6-24—Floyd Franzen, HA1c.
6-25—C. R. Campbell, HA2c.
6-25—Helen Martin, HA1c, Wave.
6-26—William Ritchie, HA1c.
6-27—P. J. Komarek, HA1c.
6-27—M. L. Little, HA1c.
6-27—James Reed, PhM3c.
6-27—W. R. Zabawa, PhM2c.

TIPS ON THE PIX

THURSDAY, JUNE 15—
"FOLLOW THE BOYS." George Raft and V. Zorina.
FRIDAY, JUNE 16—
"TENDER COMRADE." Ginger Rogers.
SUNDAY, JUNE 18—
"HOME IN INDIANA." Walter Brennan.
MONDAY, JUNE 19—
"HOME IN INDIANA." Walter Brennan.
TUESDAY, JUNE 20—
"COBRA WOMAN." Maria Montez - Jon Hall.
THURSDAY, JUNE 22—
"PRIDE OF THE YANKEES." Life of Lou Gehrig.
FRIDAY, JUNE 23—
"BATHING BEAUTY." Red Skelton and Esther Williams.
SATURDAY, JUNE 24—
"ROGER TOUHY." Gangster film.

Advice to the Lovelorn By DOCTOR QUACK

Dear Doctor:

I have served a hitch in this man's regular Navy which proves that I'm not exactly chintzy in experience. In the course of my meanderings, I have collected an entertaining amount of tattoos which are evenly distributed around my body.

Since my stay in Seattle, I have met and completely fallen in love with a female sergeant in the Marines! We even planned our marriage for this month until last week when through a through a swimming party on Alki Beach, she saw samples of my living art. The feminine names tattooed on my chest irked her ire to the extent that she returned our engagement ring!

My problem is, Doctor, how and where can I get these eyesore etchings removed?

Hopeful,
"Boats" Wd. 45.

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Dear "Boats":

You are barking up the wrong liberty list! The solution to your dilemma is easily remedied. First of all learn the words to the Marine Hymn (even if it kills you) and sing them regularly as nearly as you can to the original melody. This will take her mind off your torso . . . Then go down to Seattle Sammy's on 1st Avenue who's running a special on script this week, and have your glamorous Gyrene's name needled in pastel with a rosebud border!

"Boats," this technique is fool-proof . . . as I had the same damn problem only different back in 1918.

Mail your domestic troubles to Dr. Quack in care of the Stethoscope and they will be promptly solved . . . If you wish a private answer please include a self-addressed envelope.